



WASHINGTON COURTS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Callie T. Dietz
State Court Administrator

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Presiding Judges
Court Administrators
Court Interpreter Services Coordinators

Dear Washington State Courts:

RE: Court Interpreter Credential Deadline Extension

The Washington Court Interpreter Program has been updating the Interpreter Profile System on its website to implement recent changes to the continuing education course requirements for court certified and registered interpreters. We are still working to resolve some technical issues with these updates that are necessary for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to accurately and efficiently determine whether some of the court credentialed interpreters have met their biannual reporting requirements necessary to be in good standing by the current deadline of December 31, 2017.

The Court Interpreter Program, with guidance from the Washington Supreme Court Interpreter Commission, has determined the fairest and most efficient approach is to provide a **three month extension** of the compliance deadline for all court interpreters. As a result:

- The deadline for court certified and registered interpreters to complete their compliance requirements for this reporting cycle will be extended from December 31, 2017 to **March 31, 2018**.
- Temporary expiration stickers with the date 3-31-2018 will be mailed to all interpreters to affix to their current badges.
- Interpreters who have already been determined to be in compliance with all reporting requirements will be mailed stickers with 12-31-2019 as their next expiration date.
- Interpreters who are not in compliance with their credit reporting by March 31, 2018 will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee of the Supreme Court Interpreter Commission for review and action.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, you can contact Robert Lichtenberg, Court Interpreter Commission/Program staff, at Robert.Lichtenberg@courts.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Callie T. Dietz, State Court Administrator

cc: Washington State Court Interpreters